

Stormwater and Recycling Municipal Updates for April and May 2024

Municipal Feedback – We want your feedback! County staff will soon be requesting meetings with community partners to gather information about how we can better serve you. Over the next two years, we aim to meet with all program partners to share information and improve service delivery. Stay tuned for more information!

Earth Day 2024 – Waukesha County wishes everyone a Happy Earth Day 🌍 (April 22nd)! Please see the upcoming outreach events below or view our [activity guide](#) for more information regarding the programs we offer in the month of April.

MuniCycle – Thank you to everyone who provided their community recycling data last month! Waukesha County uses this information to submit required information to the WDNR to secure financial grants to support the recycling program. There will be another round of data collection in August seeking the same information for 2025 budgets.

Outreach Events – As we head into summer, if you want to host a poster or display at an event, please let us know. For stormwater displays, reach out to water@waukeshacounty.gov and for recycling displays contact recycling@waukeshacounty.gov

Stormwater Awareness Week - This year, Stormwater Awareness Week has moved to September 21 – 29. We will be doing activity tables in the passport expedition at Apple Harvest Fest on September 21. If you want to host an activity during the week, we can offer support. Reach out to water@waukeshacounty.gov. Visit the website <https://www.wistormwater.com/> to find out more.

Recycling Facility Updates – On May 31, the Joint Waukesha County/City of Milwaukee Material Recovery Facility (MRF) experienced a severe fire event. Since that time, recycling staff have coordinated with your contracted haulers as well as local processors, like Johns Disposal and Waste Management, to ensure there is no disruption to curbside recycling service for partner communities and the approximately 100,000 households served. As we work with alternate processors, we are not provided specific contamination rates and material sales data for Waukesha County material; however, staff are actively engaged with all stakeholders to ensure quality recyclables are collected and processing costs and revenues are continually evaluated. Thank you to our community partners, contracted haulers and Johns Disposal and Waste Management for your continued support during this time.

Upcoming Outreach Events (for the complete list, visit the [activity guide](#))

April 17th and May 1st & 15th – Sunset Meditation Planetarium Shows & Retzer-led Night Hikes

April 20th-26th – Earth Week in the Parks & Earth Day Celebration

April 20th – Volunteer Workday: County Parks Clean Up

May 18th – Mission Possible at Muskego Park

June 21st & June 22nd – Retzer Nature Center's 50th Anniversary Celebration